1	2	3	4	5
25.	Daman and Diu	1	0	0.00
26.	Maharashtra	390	204	2882.38
27.	Andhra Pradesh	239	104	2395.98
28.	Karnataka	163	76	1093.88
29.	Goa	10	5	95.16
30.	Lakshadweep	1	0	0.00
31.	Kerala	104	69	1043.70
32.	Tamil Nadu	228	127	1149.73
33.	Pondicherry	1	5	48.01
34.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3	0	0.00
	All India	2487	1298	18394.73

Industrial capacity for processing fruits and vegetables

†2171. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial capacity for processing fruits and vegetables in India had reached upto 26 lakh tonnes in the beginning of 2008;

(b) if not, what was this capacity and what has been the average rate of annual increase in this capacity over the last four years; and

(c) the total number of industrial units that contributed to the present capacity of processing industry and the number of each of such units from micro, small, medium and macro industrial sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI) : (a) and (b) Industrial Capacity for processing of fruits and vegetables in India had reached 26.80 lakh tonnes in the beginning of year 2008.

(c) The categorization of industrial unit under Fruit Products Order, 1955 is based on annual production limit. The number of licensed units, according to annual production limit, is given below. (The categorization as micro, small, medium and macro industrial units is not given in Fruits Products Order, 1955).

Category	Annual production limit	No. of licensed units
1	2	3
Large Scale	Above 250 MT	656

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
Small Scale B	Upto 250 MT	390
Small Scale A	Upto 100 MT	435
Cottage Scale	Upto 50 MT	1153
Home Scale B	Upto 10 MT	1906
	Total	4540

Promotion of dairy processing activities

2172. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether milk is the backbone of rural household income of landless people, small and marginal farmers of the rural areas;

(b) if so, the measures taken to promote dairy processing activities; and

(c) the quantum of loan distributed for purchase of cows, goats, buffalos to poor persons to earn their livelihood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) and (b) The milk and milk products processing in dairy sector plays a vital role in rural economy since dairying is a major source of income for farmers of rural India. To ensure maximum returns to farmers, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Food Processing Industries are implementing various plan schemes for strengthening and modernizing dairy processing activities.

The Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying) is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme Intensive Dairy Development Programme in the country for dairy development with 100% grant-in-aid basis with a focus on increase in milk production, procurement and marketing. Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Central Sector Scheme Dairy Venture Capital Fund (DVCF)"through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). Under the scheme there is provision for interest free loans @ 50% of total cost within earmarked ceilings for various dairy activities including dairy processing equipments.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) is promoting organized dairy processing sector to accomplish upcoming demands of processed dairy products and helping to identify various areas of research for future product development, scalable efficient) technologies and quality improvement to revamp the Indian dairy processing sector for domestic as well as export market by way of providing financial assistance to the dairy processing units. MFPI provides financial assistance under its plan scheme "Setting up/Modernization/Expansion of food processing industries" which includes the milk and milk processing plants also. The financial assistance is 25% of the cost of plant and machineries and technical civil work subject to maximum Rs. 50.00 lakhs for general areas.